

GOVERNOR'S PERMANENT ADVISORY COMMISSION ON TRAUMATIC BRAIN INJURIES

Meeting Date: November 21, 2013 8:30AM @ BIARI, Cranston, RI

Attendance:

Kathleen Sherlock	Director Bandusky's designee
Leslie Mahler	Cognitive Rehabilitation Specialist
Christina Batastini	Governor Chafee's Office
Rosemary Coffey	Community Based Service Provider
Mike Baker	BIARI President
Sharon Brinkworth	BIARI, Executive Director
Heather Daglieri	Dept of BHDDH
Colleen McCarthy	Post Acute Facility
Richard Muto	TBI Survivor
Terri Brophy	Family member of TBI survivor
Gina Albanese	PARI Case Manager

Motion to accept minutes from 9-19-13 with corrections and 10/17/13 were approved.

Discussion/Old Business:

1. Discussion of physiatrist to invite to be a member of the commission to replace Dr. Major. Dr. Yin of the Rehabilitation Hospital of Rhode Island in Smithfield was suggested and will be contacted.
2. The commission also needs a case manager. Gina Albanese, is the coordinator of Habilitation Waiver Programs at PARI. It was moved that she become a commission member as a case manager. This motion was seconded and approved.
3. Survey update; Richard Muto and Terri Brophy are working on a draft of a survey to go to brain injury survivors and will be presented in the December 19th meeting. A copy of the survey is attached to the email of this meeting announcement. It is an Excel file.
4. Elena Nicoella and Lisa Merck, MD have been invited to talk about Medicare and long-term care. Dr. Merck is currently conducting a study at RI Hospital on the immediate administration of progesterone to people with traumatic brain injury.
5. Kate Sherlock adapted the nursing home survey for community mental health centers. The goal is to send this survey after Thanksgiving to community mental health centers for their feedback about caring for brain injury survivors. It was suggested to add a question about outpatient services and to request suggestions for examples of training that might be appropriate for their staff.

New Business:

1. Discussion of a continuum of care to identify services for Rhode Island residents from the emergency room to outpatient rehabilitation. Will need to differentiate the

continuum of care based on the level of initial severity since the progress for different types of patients will vary.

Next meeting date & location: **Thursday December 19, 2013 @ 8:30 am**
Brain Injury Association of Rhode Island
935 Park Avenue, Suite #8
Cranston, RI 02910

Agenda for upcoming GPACTBI meeting 12-19-13 -

- Approve meeting minutes from 11-21-13
- Survey of TBI survivors
- Identify a physiatrist for membership on the commission
- Schedule GPACTBI meeting dates for the first quarter of 2014
- New business

Upcoming Meeting Dates/Times (8:30 at BIARI office, unless otherwise noted):

January 16, 2014

Future dates to be determined

Respectfully Submitted:

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12/18/13